

5933. Adulteration of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Frederick W. Brode, Julian L. Brode, Edward A. Rome, and Walter C. Fellows (F. W. Brode & Co.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8108. I. S. No. 19747-1.)

On October 21, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Frederick W. Brode, Julian L. Brode, Edward A. Rome, and Walter C. Fellows, trading as F. W. Brode & Co., alleging shipment by said company by their duly authorized agent, the Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., a corporation, Pine Bluff, Ark., in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 18, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Michigan, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Owl Brand High-Grade Cotton Seed Meal," which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Crude fiber (per cent)-----	11.2
Crude protein (Nitrogen \times 6.25) (per cent)-----	38.8
Total nitrogen (per cent)-----	6.20
Total ammonia (per cent)-----	7.54

This product contained less ammonia, less protein, less nitrogen, and more fiber than it is labeled to contain.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, cottonseed meal containing, to wit, 38.8 per cent of protein, 6.2 per cent of nitrogen, 7.54 per cent of ammonia, and 11.2 per cent of fiber, had been substituted for cottonseed meal containing 41 per cent of protein, 6 per cent of nitrogen, 8 per cent of ammonia, and not more than 10 per cent of fiber, which the article purported to be.

On December 29, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*